

**Letter from Mary Eames (Rice) Esty to her son Alexander Rice Esty,
dated 12 Dec 1846, Framingham, Massachusetts**

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Envelope addressed to:

Mr Alexander R. Esty
{Care of **R. Bond** Esq [Richard Bond, architect]
Suffolk Building
Boston, Ms

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Beloved Son

I haste this Morn early to write – what I've intended doing a number of days – you know how my time is occupied & something steps in to prevent We received a line from you last night by the way of **S. Turner** – saying you felt very unwell – that your new medicine appears not to help you – you can't expect complaints of long standing to be cured in a short time. I have been long convinced that nothing but great care & perseverance in what appears to benefit you (with the blessing of God) will avail anything. Your complaints are obstinate. It's my opinion your humor is thrown upon your chest which destroys your blood & causes your poor health which only can be cured by being thrown off with medicine. And your blood being raised again with proper food and medicine. I feel anxious about you. I wish to know what is best. We don't want you to work when aren't able. We feel if you could get a perfect knowledge of the business it would some future time be a great benefit. I hope you will call & see **Mrs. Wheeler** often. Give my best love to her. Tell her what I have written respecting your call. I don't know what more to say. I know your poor health & think of you much of the time. Would gladly fly to your relief. I hope you will write as soon as you read this. Tell me all about your health & affairs. We are all well. **M. Elen [Mary Ellen Esty]** is at Grandmothers 2 or 3 days. Cousin **Abigail** [possibly **Abigail Dorr Esty**, daughter of Dexter Esty's brother Reuben] is at Chelsea went last Monday will return tomorrow or Monday.

Your father [**Dexter Esty**] has gone to Natick is going to have all his wood cut to prevent having it stole. M. Elen is invited to **Mr. Lee's** this eve. We've received cards & cake from **Mrs. John Clark. Caroline Horn** [24 year old daughter of Luther Horn] was buried last

Saturday & **Mrs Claflin** who lived near **Uncle Kendal** on Sunday last she dyed suddenly. **Mrs. James Lentell [Nancy F. Newton]** is fast sinking in a consumption. We have cold weather here. This morning is that to be the coldest we've had. With the first rate sleigh. Mrs. Barry has asked a dismissal - supposed it will be granted. I saw in the Recorder a **Charles Wilson** marriage - suppose tis not **Sarah T.** - - You sent a paper with Mrs Wheeler's notice. I wish you would write me what her accommodations are. I hope you will speak a good word for _____. I am sure she is worthy. I saw **Mrs Boynton** Tuesday at the at **Mr. Ed Warren**. She appears very grateful you called on Henry.

Since writing the above I have seen **Mrs Kingsbury**. She saw you yesterday and you desired her to say to us you should be at home tomorrow night. If you was no better. We are sorry to hear your health is so poor. We are anxious to have you follow Mr. Wheeler's prescription - perhaps it won't be as well if you could stay a few days longer. If not I want you to see her before you leave the City. Bring home sufficient medicine.

Your Affectionate Mother

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